



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES M. SMITH, JR.

Chief Master Sergeant James M. Smith, Jr. is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. In this position he serves as the principal adviser to the wing commander on enlisted issues. His responsibilities include advising the commander on all matters affecting the health, morale, and welfare of assigned enlisted personnel. The wing supports C-17A, C-37A, C-40B, F-22A, and KC-135R operations, while also providing command functions to operate the airfield at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The wing, in partnership with the Hawaii Air National Guard and US Navy, employs Total Force combat and peacetime joint base support to operations across Hawaii and throughout the Pacific Theater.



Chief Smith was born and raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He entered the Air Force in September 1985. He has held numerous leadership positions within the maintenance group with diverse experience in all facets of aircraft maintenance to include superintendent of the 58th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. as well as the superintendent of the Maintenance Group at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea and Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. The Chief deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

EDUCATION

- 1988 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, McChord Air Force Base, Washington.
- 1999 Pacific Air Forces Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
- 2003 Associate in Applied Science degree Aircraft Systems Technology, CCAF
- 2004 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2007 Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2009 AFSSO21 Maintenance Repair and Overhaul, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 2010 AFSSO21 Pacific Air Forces Executive Leadership Course, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
- 2012 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1985 – October 1985, student, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 1985 – December 1985, student, Aircraft Fuel System Technical School, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois
3. December 1985 – November 1990, Aircraft Fuel System Technician, 318th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Washington
4. November 1990 – November 1992, Aircraft Fuel System Technician, 57th Component Repair Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
5. December 1992 – December 2000, Aircraft Fuel System Technician, 3rd Component Repair Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
6. January 2001 – January 2003, Aircraft Fuel System Shop Chief, 46th Component Repair Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

7. January 2003 – January 2004, Product Improvement Manager, 46th Maintenance Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
8. August 2004 – April 2005, Quality Assurance Superintendent, 46th Maintenance Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
9. April 2005 – November 2005, Support Superintendent, 46th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
10. November 2005 – December 2006, Aircraft Maintenance Unit NCOIC, 46th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
11. January 2007 – January 2008, Superintendent, 58th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
12. January 2008 – September 2008, Superintendent, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
13. October 2008 – December 2010, Superintendent, 436th Maintenance Group, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware
14. December 2010 – December 2011 Superintendent, 8th Maintenance Group, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
15. December 2011 – November 2012, Superintendent, 436th Maintenance Group, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware
16. November 2012 – March 2014, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware
17. March 2014 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with silver and one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two silver oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1998 Lance P. Sijan, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
2000 Lieutenant General Leo Marquez award, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
2001 Maintenance Professional of the Year, 46th Test Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
2004 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force SNCO Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Florida
2005 SNCO of the Year, 46th Test Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant November 2007

(Current as of March 2014)